

SIEC Conference Call Meeting

Conference call - 1-19-2018, 10am

Attendance on the call – voting members - Robert McLemore, Cole Presley, Jim Oehm, John Stradal, Michelle Abbott, Dick Heitschmidt, Darren Miller, Mark Dodd and Ellen Werneke. Non-voting attendees - Jason Bryant, Jonathon York, JL Ellis, Joe Dillon, Steve West, Adam Chriss and James Lundsted.

Call to Order - Bob McLemore opened the meeting at 10:05am with a roll call.

PSBN Workshop – Workshop will be on January 31 at Eisenhower Conference Center in Topeka from 9 to 3. Jason Bryant detailed the workshop to include 18 to 20 people who have knowledge of recent incidents in Kansas and could identify how PSBN could have had a positive impact on the response. Participants have been invited. The goal is to start the conversation at a high level for future governance and guidance. Everything will be reported back to SIEC for evaluation and final approval. More meetings will be planned for future dates. The group has been kept small by design and will include more subject matter experts as they are identified.

Jason did report that all but one territory have opted-in for FirstNet. This will be of benefit to Kansas as we work with our neighbors. Jim Oehm reported that KHP has entered into agreement with AT&T for FirstNet PSBN service. Multiple municipalities are also working with AT&T at the present time.

AT&T Conference Schedule – January 24 will be the first meeting scheduled in Topeka at the Ramada Inn from 2 to 4. The meetings will help to answer questions on services and pricing for FirstNet. Other meetings will be scheduled with the Wichita Metro and South Central areas possibly next. Jason encouraged existing AT&T users to contact AT&T to receive FirstNet services and pricing. Approximately 70 thousand potential users have been identified by FirstNet and/or AT&T and currently AT&T has about 7% of those under contract. Bob McLemore asked what their target goal was and Jason responded that AT&T did have a required % under the agreement with FirstNet. This number probably does include extended users under the tiered system. Jason did report that a web link will be provided for those who can't attend in person and he did encourage everyone to try to attend more than one presentation as the information could evolve as the meetings take place and information is gathered and developed. Michelle Abbott did ask that 911 be involved with the meetings and Ellen Werneke also expressed interest. Ellen reported that several tests for PSBN have been done in the KC Metro area and she will share the results with the group. There is conflicting information about LMR to PSBN. AT&T will not provide a solution but there are possible enhanced solutions through Motorola.

Bob McLemore did ask Jason to please send out the meeting information along with an agenda so all interested could attend.

KSICS encryption discussion – Cole Presley detailed a recent incident in NorthWest Kansas involving at least eight law enforcement agencies including the KHP and local LEOs. KHP D-EVNT-1 was used as the common communications talkgroup and did work well for the incident. The problem was as this is a statewide talkgroup it is scanned and hosted on the internet for all to listen to. The event was followed on social media and at times the public and members of the media were inside the perimeter of an active manhunt with a possible armed and dangerous person. A meeting was held with responding agencies to discuss possible alternatives. The KHP EVNT talkgroup was agreed as the best interoperable solution but the concern with public and officer safety led the group into a discussion of possibly

encrypting the talkgroup. Several ideas were discussed and issues identified including programming, selectable encryption and levels of encryption.

Discussion among the SIEC centered on technology available and Bob McLemore suggested a sub-committee. Cole Presley, Jim Oehm and James Lundsted will form a sub-committee to study the issue and bring back ideas for solutions.

Bob McLemore asked if there were any questions or comments from the group, none were heard.

The next meeting will be determined and details will be sent.

No other business to discuss, committee adjourned at 10:55.

Respectfully submitted,




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APPROVED:



Robert McLemore, Chairperson

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